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TOURISM
LOK SABHA

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PROMOTION OF BIO-TOURISM/ECO-TOURISM
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to promote Bio-tourism and Eco-tourism in the country;

(b) if so, whether there is enormous potential in some areas like Mysore, Coorg, Chickmagalur and Western Ghats in Karnataka including bio-sphere reserves which can be developed as Eco/Bio-tourism Centres; and

(c) if so, the time by which a decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) : The Ministry of Tourism had formulated the Policy and Guidelines for Eco-tourism in India in 1998 inconsultation with the Travel Trade, Himalayan Tourism Advisory Board, State Governments and Experts in Eco-tourism.

(b) &(c): Eco-tourism projects proposed by the State/Union Territories Governments are provided Central financial assistance on the basis of their inter-se priority and subject to availability of funds.

For development and promotion of Eco-tourism in the State of Karnataka, the Central Department of Tourism has provided assistance for the following Eco-tourism projects:-

- Kabini River Lodge at Kharapur, Mysore District
- Kali Wilderness Camp at Dandeli, U.K.District
- Eco-tourism facility at K.Gudi, Chamarajanagar District
- Eco-Beach Cottages at Devbagh near Karwar
- Cauvery Fishing Camp at Bhimeshwari and at Doddamakali, Mandya District
- Tourist Complex at Kudremukh, Chickmagalur District
- Eco-tourism Resorts at Bannerghatta National Park near Bangalore.
- Eco-Tourism Resorts at Hampi.